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Mortality statistics of Iloilo.

MANILA, P. I., May 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following mortality statistics of Iloilo, P. I., for the month of April, 1901, extracted from Asst. Surg. L. D. Fricks' report:

The report of deaths is as follows: Aortic lesion, 2; eclampsia, 10; asphyxia, new born, 3; malarial fever, 7; asphyxia, 1; apoplexy, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; dysentery, 2; capillary bronchitis, 1; debility, 1; lupus, 1; valvular insufficiency, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 8; gastric fever, 1; acute enteritis, 2; measles, 1; bronchitis, 1; chronic enteritis, 1; meningitis, 1; anaemia, 1. Total, 47.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Regulations to prevent introduction of plague from Hongkong and Amoy, China.

MANILA, P. I., May 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that owing to the marked increase of plague in Hongkong, and the commencement of the epidemic in Amoy, China, I had a conference with the agents of the different steamships on the 1st instant, with the result that the following regulations have been in effect since that date:

No Chinese or native steerage passengers are allowed to come to Philippine ports from Hongkong and Amoy during the prevalence of plague in those cities.

The crews are retained on board during the time the vessels are in Hongkong, and they are bathed and their clothing disinfected each voyage just prior to sailing.

Disinfection of steerage passengers for Australia, as well as the crews of these vessels, is also required.

The cabin passengers must be certified to by Asst. Surg. J. W. Kerr, and the ships must be thoroughly searched for stowaways before leaving the ports mentioned.

I consider the above regulations wise, and they are carried out without friction and with the cooperation of the steamship companies. They reduce the danger of infected ships arriving to a minimum, and do not interfere to any appreciable extent with commerce.

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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this and the several subports of the island of Porto Rico during the month of May, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 16; number of bills of health issued, 26; number of persons vaccinated, 10.

On the 16th instant the French steamship *St. Simon* arrived from St. Marc, Gonaives, Petit Goave, Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, and Puerto Plata. The vessel presented clean bills of health and was admitted to free pratique.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia* entered on the morning of the 19th from Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, and Santo Domingo, having touched at Ponce and Mayaguez. The vessel had been disinfected at Santiago as usual, and, her passengers presenting satisfactory evidence of immunity, she was granted free pratique.

The Spanish steamship *Cataluña*, from Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce, also arrived on the 19th instant. This vessel was held in quarantine while here and transacted her business under guard. Her passengers for San Juan were immunes and permitted to land. Eleven pieces of baggage, taken on at Colon, were disinfected at the island.

The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* entered on the 28th from Cuban ports and Puerto Plata. She had undergone disinfection at Santiago. All passengers immunes and allowed to land. Five pieces of baggage belonging to passengers from Puerto Plata were disinfected at the island.

I inclose herein the vital statistics of San Juan for May. The following is a report of the number of vessels inspected at the several subports: Mayaguez, 10; Arecibo, none; Humacao, 6; Aguadilla, 1; Fajardo, 2; Arroyo, 1. The following is the mortality report from the subports: Mayaguez, 118; Arecibo, 67; Humacao, 29; Aguadilla, 18; Fajardo, 25; Arroyo, 9.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for May, 1901.

Anæmia.....	1	Miocarditis.....	3
Anthrax	1	Nephritis.....	1
Anthrepsia	3	Peritonitis.....	1
Asthma	1	Pneumonia.....	4
Bronchitis	1	Rachitis.....	2
Bright's disease.....	1	Rheumatism.....	1
Cardiac lesion	3	Serous congestion.....	1
Cerebral congestion	2	Tetanus.....	5
Cirrhosis of the liver.....	1	Tuberculosis.....	12
Dysentery	1		—
Encephalitis.....	2	Total	66
Enteritis	5		—
Enterico-colitis	1	May, 1900—	
Gastro-enteritis	7	Births	48
Hemiplegia.....	1	Deaths.....	90
Infectious malarial fever.....	4	May, 1901—	
Meningitis	1	Births	72
		Deaths.....	66

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the month of May, 1901.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 45; number passed, 45.

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